

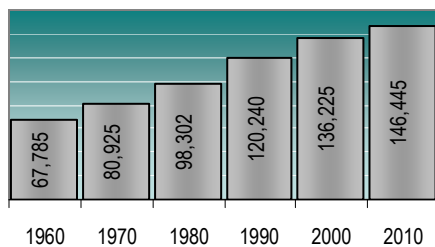
Merrimack County

Nestled in the south central portion of the state, equidistant from both the Maine and Vermont borders, Merrimack County is one of two counties that has no interstate borders; Belknap is the other. It is the location of Concord, the state capital, which is tucked into a bend in the Merrimack River. The county takes its name from the Merrimack River, whose name was adapted from an Abnaki Indian word meaning "deep." The county was formed in 1823 from towns in Hillsborough and Rockingham counties.

Merrimack County contains 934.1 square miles of land area and 22.3 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 156.8 persons per square mile. Merrimack County includes two cities, Concord and Franklin, and 25 towns. The county seat is Concord.



Population Trends: Merrimack County has long been the third largest county in population, and is about equal in square miles of land to Carroll



County. It is, however, the fourth most densely populated county, with less than half the population density of Strafford County, the third highest. Population in Merrimack County increased at about the same rate for three consecutive decades from 1960 to 1990, with population growth rates of 19.4 percent, 21.5 percent, and 22.3 percent. Since then the rate of growth has slowed, increasing by 13.3 percent between 1990 and 2000, and 7.5 percent through 2010.

Population		(US Census Bureau)			
2010	2000	1990	1980	1970	
146,445	136,225	120,240	98,302	80,925	

Demographics			(US Census Bureau)	
By Gender:			Male	Female
Total			72,073	74,372
18 years and over			55,664	58,835
65 years and over			8,583	11,425
Median Age (years)			40.2	42.5

By Age Group	Under age 5	7,562
	Age 5 to 19	28,677
	Age 20 to 34	24,923
	Age 35 to 54	20,008
	Age 55 to 64	20,164
	Age 65 and over	20,008
	Median Age (years)	41.4

Labor Force		(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average		2000	2010
Civilian Labor Force		75,470	80,280
Employed		73,650	75,780
Unemployed		1,820	4,500
Unemployment Rate		2.4%	5.6%

2010 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Allenstown	6.6%	Hooksett	5.6%
Andover	5.4%	Hopkinton	4.9%
Boscawen	6.9%	Loudon	5.3%
Bow	3.9%	New London	3.7%
Bradford	6.5%	Newbury	4.6%
Canterbury	4.9%	Northfield	6.0%
Chichester	4.1%	Pembroke	5.8%
Concord	5.4%	Pittsfield	7.1%
Danbury	6.3%	Salisbury	5.4%
Dunbarton	4.7%	Sutton	4.3%
Epsom	6.2%	Warner	5.7%
Franklin	7.2%	Webster	5.7%
Henniker	5.2%	Wilmot	3.5%
Hill	5.4%		

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2012

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Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
State of New Hampshire	Concord	Government	6,500
Concord Hospital	Concord	Health care services	3,200
Steeplegate Regional Mall	Concord	Retail stores	1,233
Genesis Healthcare	Concord	Retirement community & healthcare facilities	1,200
GE Aviation	Hooksett	Jet engine parts	800
Southern NH University	Hooksett	Education	700
Lincoln Financial	Concord	Insurance services	602
Market Basket	Concord	Supermarket	533
Sanel Auto Parts	Concord	Auto parts distributor	525
New London Hospital	New London	Health care services	520
United Healthcare	Hooksett	Health insurance services	500
City of Concord	Concord	Government	454
Merrimack County Nursing Home & Jail	Boscawen	Nursing home, correctional facility	450
Henniker School District	Henniker	Education	400
LRGHealthcare	Franklin	Health care services	371
Colby-Sawyer College	New London	Education	350
Webster Valve & Foundry	Franklin	Plumbing, heating controls	340
Concord Regional VNA	Concord	Home healthcare	340
Havenwood-Heritage Heights	Concord	Retirement community	325
Associated Grocers of New England, Inc.	Pembroke	Wholesale distribution center	308 FT/32 PT
The Grappone Companies	Bow	New, used vehicle sales & service	300
Globe Manufacturing Co.	Pittsfield	Firefighters turnout clothing	300
Pitco/MagiKitch'n	Bow	Commercial cooking equipment	280
SAU 18	Franklin	School administrative unit	260
NH Motor Speedway	Loudon	NASCAR auto, motorcycle race track	250
Cigna Health Care	Hooksett	Health Insurance services	249
Shaw's Supermarket	Hooksett	Supermarket	249
Target	Hooksett	Retail store	249
C B Sullivan Co Inc.	Hooksett	Wholesale beauty products	249
Pembroke School District	Pembroke	Education	235

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2009
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	12,484	8,662
Average Weekly Wage	\$757	\$999
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	42,715	46,645
Average Weekly Wage	\$585	\$771
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	55,199	55,306
Average Weekly Wage	\$624	\$807
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	15,222	16,576
Average Weekly Wage	\$595	\$870
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	70,421	71,882
Average Weekly Wage	\$618	\$821

Income	(2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$30,486
Median Family Income		\$77,068
Median Household Income		\$63,326
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$51,101
	Female	\$39,529
Families below poverty level		4.7%

Commuting to Work	(2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	74,800
Car, truck or van: drove alone	61,174
Car, truck or van: carpooled	5,703
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	362
Walked	2,360
Other means	1,277
Worked at home	3,924

Mean travel time to work (minutes) 25.7

Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	64.2%
Commuting to some other NH county	30.9%
Commuting out-of-state/country	4.9%

Transportation			
Road Access	US Routes	3; 4; 202	
	State Routes	3A; 4A; 9; 11; 13; 28; 28 Bypass; 103; 103A; 103B; 106; 107; 114; 127; 129; 132	

Nearest Interstates I-89, Exits 1-12A; I-93, Exits 9-20; I-393

Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines
Manchester-Boston Regional	8
Lebanon Municipal	1

Educational Attainment (2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)

Population, Age 25 and Over	100,981
Less than 9th grade	1,909
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	6,063
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	29,141
Some college, no degree	19,860
Associate's degree	10,038
Bachelor's degree	20,454
Graduate or professional degree	13,516

Percent high school graduates or higher	92.1%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	33.6%

Educational and Child Care Facilities*School Districts:*

▪ Allenstown (Grades K-8)	▪ Kearsarge Regional – Bradford, New London, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot (Grades K-12)
▪ Andover (Grades K-8)	
▪ Bow (Grades K-12)	
▪ Chichester (Grades K-8)	▪ Merrimack Valley Regional – Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster (Grades K-12)
▪ Concord (Grades K-12)	
▪ Dunbarton (Grades K-6)	
▪ Epsom (Grades K-8)	
▪ Franklin (Grades K-12)	▪ Newfound Area – Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton (Grades K-12)
▪ Henniker (Grades K-8)	
▪ Hill (Grades K-6)	
▪ Hooksett (Grades K-8)	▪ Shaker Regional – Canterbury, Belmont (Grades K-12)
▪ Hopkinton (Grades K-12)	
▪ John Stark Regional – Henniker, Weare (Grades 9-12)	▪ Winnisquam Regional – Northfield, Tilton, Sanbornton (Grades K-12)
▪ Pembroke (Grades K-12)	
▪ Pittsfield (Grades K-12)	

Nearest Career Technology Centers:

Concord Regional Technology Center
 J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia)
 Manchester School of Technology
 Plymouth Applied Technology Center
 Sugar River Valley RTC (Newport or Claremont)
 Winnisquam Regional High School (Tilton)

Nearest Community Colleges: NH Technical Institute (Concord); Manchester; Lakes Region (Laconia); River Valley (Claremont)

Nearest Colleges/Universities:

Colby-Sawyer College (New London); University of NH School of Law (Concord); Franklin Pierce University (Rindge); Magdalen College (Warner); New England College (Henniker); Hesser College (Manchester); UNH-Manchester; Southern NH University (Manchester); Saint Anselm College (Manchester); Plymouth State University; University of NH (Durham)

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2011*(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)*

Total Facilities: 120 Total Capacity: 5,597

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.) Staffed Beds

Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	233
Concord Hospital	220
Elliot Hospital, Manchester	264
Franklin Regional	25
New London Hospital	25

Housing (2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)

Total Housing Units	63,322
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	43,044
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	7,358
Five or More Units in Structure	9,156
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	3,764

Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics*

YTD 2011 Median Sale Price, Residential \$184,000

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2011 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,017

Property Tax Rates, 2010 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Allenstown	\$27.38	100.0	\$27.50
Andover	\$16.36	111.1	\$18.62
Boscawen	\$20.98	113.8	\$23.68
Bow	\$24.66	100.0	\$22.98
Bradford	\$20.58	100.0	\$20.73
Canterbury	\$19.95	115.3	\$22.89
Chichester	\$19.07	117.4	\$22.20
Concord	\$23.16	100.0	\$23.09
Danbury	\$18.75	119.4	\$22.21
Dunbarton	\$20.50	100.0	\$21.21
Epsom	\$19.77	97.5	\$19.29
Franklin	\$21.14	100.0	\$20.84
Henniker	\$29.82	94.8	\$27.96
Hill	\$18.24	108.7	\$20.33
Hooksett	\$21.68	104.3	\$22.34
Hopkinton	\$26.72	95.3	\$25.47
Loudon	\$19.16	109.5	\$20.89
New London	\$14.88	92.9	\$13.80
Newbury	\$13.85	100.0	\$13.88
Northfield	\$19.80	119.4	\$23.11
Pembroke	\$25.84	105.0	\$27.43
Pittsfield	\$30.66	107.2	\$32.43
Salisbury	\$18.77	110.1	\$20.49
Sutton	\$20.83	96.0	\$19.94
Warner	\$24.97	100.0	\$25.01
Webster	\$16.99	113.3	\$19.72
Wilmot	\$20.57	100.0	\$20.57

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Total

Residential Land and Buildings	77.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	18.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.5%

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** **Source:** 2011 Residential Rental Cost Survey, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. Copyright NHHFA 2011. <www.nhhfa.org>

Contacts	Address	ZIP	Phone/Fax*	E-Mail/Web	Office Hours
Town of Allenstown	16 School St Allenstown NH	03275	P: 485-4276 F: 485-8669	ta@allenstown.org www.allenstown.org	MTh 8-7, TW 8-5, closed Friday
Town of Andover	PO Box 61 Andover NH	03216	P: 735-5332 F: 735-6975	andover@tds.net www.andovernh.us.com	MW 9-2, TTh 1:30-6:30
Boscawen Municipal Office	116 N. Main St Boscawen NH	03303	P: 753-9188 F: 753-9184	mwright@townofboscawen.org www.townofboscawen.org	Selectmen: W 4-6; Town Admin/Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-F 8:30-11 & 12-4:30
Town of Bow	10 Grandview Rd Bow NH	03304	P: 228-1187 F: 224-6680	admin@bow-nh.gov www.bow-nh.com	M-F 7:30-4
Town of Bradford	Main Street, PO Box 436 Bradford NH	03221 -0436	P: 938-5900 F: 938-5694	bradfordnh@iamnow.net www.bradfordnh.org	Town Admin.: MWTh 8-12 & 1-5, T 7:30-7; Town Clerk: M 12-7, T 7-11:30 & 12:30-5, F 8-11:30 & 12:30-5
Town of Canterbury	PO Box 500 Canterbury NH	03224	P: 783-9955 F: 783-0501	canterburyadministrator@myfairpoint.net www.canterbury-nh.org	Selectmen: MWF 9-1; Town Clerk: M 9-3, T 11-6, Th 4-8
Chichester Board of Selectmen	54 Main Street Chichester NH	03258	P: 798-5350 F: 798-3170	selectmen@chichesternh.org www.chichesternh.org	M 8:30-4, T 8:30-2 & 4-7, WTh 8:30-2
Concord Comm. Development Dept.	41 Green Street Concord NH	03301	P: 225-8595 F: 228-2701	cbaia@concordnh.gov www.concordnh.gov	M-F 8-4:30
Danbury Board of Selectmen	23 High Street Danbury NH	03230	P: 768-3313 F: 768-3313	danbury_selectmen@comcast.net www.townofdanburynh.com	MTTh 8-4, W 12:30-6; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTW 9-5, Th 9-7, 3 rd Sat 9-12
Town of Dunbarton	1011 School St Dunbarton NH	03046	P: 774-3541 F: 774-5541	townadministrator@dunbartonnh.org www.dunbartonnh.org	M-F 8-4; Town Clerk: MW 7:30-3:30, TTh 11-7
Town of Epsom	PO Box 10 Epsom NH	03234 -0010	P: 736-9002 F: 736-8539	epsomtwn@metrocast.net www.epsomnh.org	M 8-1 & 4:30-6:30, T 10-3; ThF 8-3, 2 nd and last Sat 8-12
City of Franklin	316 Central St Franklin NH	03235	P: 934-3900 F: 934-7413	citymgr@franklinnh.org www.franklinnh.org	M-F 8-5
Henniker Board of Selectmen	18 Depot Hill Rd Henniker NH	03242	P: 428-3221 F: 428-4366	info@henniker.org www.henniker.org	M-F 8-4:30; Town Clerk: M 8-5:30, T 8-12, WF 8-4:30, last Sat. 10-12
Town of Hill	30 Crescent St, PO Box 236 Hill NH	03243	P: 934-1094 F: 934-2011	hillselectmen@comcast.net www.townofhillnh.org	Selectmen: T 6:30-8:30, W 9:30-12:30, Th 9-3; Town Clerk: T 6-8:30, ThF 9-5
Town of Hooksett	35 Main St Hooksett NH	03106 -1397	P: 485-8472 F: 485-4423	cgranfield@hooksett.org www.hooksett.org	M-F 8-4:30; Tax Collector: M-F 8-4:30, 2 nd & 4 th W until 6:30
Town of Hopkinton	330 Main St Hopkinton NH	03229	P: 746-3170 F: 746-2952	selectmen@tds.net www.hopkinton-nh.gov	M-F 8-4:30
Town of Loudon	PO Box 7837 Loudon NH	03307	P: 798-4542 F: 798-3539	townclerkloudon@tds.net www.loudonnh.org	Selectmen: M-Th 8-4, T 6-9; Town Clerk: M 8-2, T 3-9, WTh 9-4; Tax Collector: T 3-9, WTh 9-4
Town of New London	375 Main Street New London NH	03257	P: 526-4821 F: 526-9494	office@nl-nh.com www.nl-nh.com/	M-F 8-4
Town of Newbury	PO Box 296 Newbury NH	03255	P: 763-4940 F: 763-5298	townadmin@newburynh.org www.newburynh.org/	Selectmen: MTThF 8-12; Town Clerk: M 1- 7, T-F 8-4
Town of Northfield	21 Summer St Northfield NH	03276	P: 286-7039 F: 286-3328	gsmith@northfieldnh.org www.northfieldnh.org	Selectmen: M-F 8:30-5; TC/TC: MThF 8:30- 5, T 8:30-7, W 8:30-12:30
Town of Pembroke	311 Pembroke St Pembroke NH	03275	P: 485-4747 F: 485-3967	Townhall@Pembroke-NH.com www.pembroke-nh.com/	M-F 8-4; Town Clerk: also Th 5-7
Pittsfield Town Office	85 Main Street Pittsfield NH	03263	P: 435-6773 F: 435-7922	pittsfieldnh@metrocast.net www.pittsfield-nh.com	M 11-7, T-F 8-4
Town of Salisbury	PO Box 2 Salisbury NH	03268	P: 648-2473 F: 648-6658	salisburyclerk@tds.net www.salisburynh.org	Selectmen: TWTh 9-1, 2 nd & 4 th T 6:30- 8:30; Town Clerk: T 4:30-8:30, W 4:30- 7:30, Th 2:30-6; Tax Collector: T 6-8:30, W 9-12; Bldg Insp: T 6:30-8:30
Sutton Board of Selectmen	PO Box 487 Sutton NH	03260	P: 927-4416 F: 927-4631	townofsutton@mctelecom.com www.sutton-nh.gov	Selectmen: MWF 8-4:30; Town Clerk: M 12-6, T-Th 8-4, last Sat 9-12
Town of Warner	PO Box 265 Warner NH	03278 -0265	P: 456-2298 F: 456-2297	selectboard@warner.nh.us www.warner.nh.us	Selectmen/Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MWTh 8-3, T 8-6
Webster Board of Selectmen	945 Battle Street Webster NH	03303	P: 648-2272 F: 648-6055	jjones@webster-nh.gov www.webster-nh.gov	Admin: MWF 9-12 & 1-4; Town Clerk: M 8-12, & 4-8, W 9-12 & 1-4; Tax Collector: M 6-8, or by appt
Wilmot Board of Selectmen	PO Box 72 Wilmot NH	03287	P: 526-4802 F: 526-2523	townofwilmot@comcast.net www.wilmotnh.org	Selectmen: M-F 9-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: TTh 8-4, W 12-7, last Sat 8-12

*all area codes are (603)